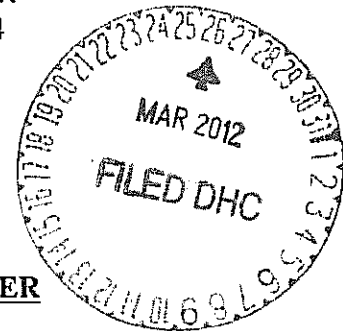


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING
COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BAR
12-DHC-4



THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,]

Plaintiff,]

versus]

REID C. JAMES,]

Defendant.]

ANSWER

COMES THE DEFENDANT, and in answer to the complaint of the North Carolina State Bar, **STATES AND ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the allegations contained in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are admitted.
2. Answering the allegations contained in paragraph 5, the Defendant would admit he did not always perform monthly and quarterly reconciliations of his trust account but kept an updated card system for all trust account monies received and disbursed.
3. That the allegations contained in paragraph 6 are denied.
4. That the allegations contained in paragraph 7 are admitted in that the Defendant did not realize there had been an overdraft until this matter was pointed out in these proceedings, and would made known, immediately reimbursed his trust account.
5. That the allegations contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 are admitted.
6. That the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of those allegations contained in paragraph 10, and therefore denies said allegations.
7. That the allegations contained in paragraphs 11 and 12 are admitted.
8. That the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13, but by way of further answer would state that he has always attempted to timely remit any information requested by the North Carolina State Bar.

9. That the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of paragraph 14, and therefore denies said allegations.

BY WAY OF FURTHER ANSWER AND DEFENSE the Defendant was of the opinion that he had provided all information to the North Carolina State Bar, and worked with the North Carolina's State Bar's investigator, Randy Ross, in providing all information.

10. That the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 and therefore denies said allegations.

11. That the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 16, and therefore denies said allegations.


WHEREFORE, HAVING FULLY ANSWERED THE COMPLAINT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, THE DEFENDANT PRAYS FOR RELIEF AS FOLLOWS:

1. That he be allowed to show the North Carolina State Bar that he is in compliance with the North Carolina State Bar's rules at this time regarding his trust account and has hired an independent auditor to review his trust account to show he is in compliance and will continue his relationship with this independent auditor for auditing his trust account each and every month.

2. That based upon the accounting of the independent auditor, that this matter be dismissed.

3. That should the DHC not do so, then that any period of suspension be stayed, and he be allowed to continue to show his compliance with the North Carolina State Bar's rules as regards his trust account.

4. For such other, further, and different relief which may seem just and proper.



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